

Council Bios

Shih Ching Fu- Council Chair



Shih Ching has children in Years 2 and 4 at Takari and is married to Dr Rina. During the week Shih Ching is a statistician at Curtin University, and currently works with astrophysicists as they look for pesky blackholes and neutron stars hiding in our galaxy. Throughout the year you might recognise Shih Ching sizzling sausages or gasping for air after going too hard at Run Club.

Karlo Perkov- Community Representative

Karlo has been a serving Councillor for the Hamersley Ward at City of Stirling since 2017. His parents originally settled at King Edward Rd in the 1950's and he was born at the Osborne Park Hospital.

As a local resident for over 25 years, Karlo enjoys nothing more than spending time with his family and friends in and around our great neighbourhood.

Some of his fondest memories are the 9 years his daughter Loren spent at Takari Primary School, from kindergarten all the way to Year 7. He enjoyed the school assemblies, the parent/teacher meetings and especially the school sports carnivals where parents took on students and teachers in various fun events.

As a massive supporter of our natural environments and open spaces, Karlo believes these special areas are so vital for the wellbeing of our entire community.

Karlo has enjoyed a distinguished management career but becoming a Councillor has given him a far deeper sense of community appreciation and he is honoured to be a part of the Takari Primary School Council.



Elissa Strumpher- Parent and P&C Representative



I am the P&C representative to the School Council. I provide a link between the School Council and the P&C, so that we can work together for the benefit of the school community. I work at the Telethon Kids Institute as a Research Assistant, working in the Early Neurodevelopment and Mental Health team. My background is in anthropology and public health, and my professional interests are in child development, child mental health, neurodiversity (particularly ADHD), and social and cultural aspects of childhood and parenting. I hope that my professional interests and skills can be helpful to the School Council and the school community. I also have a personal interest in sustainability, particularly waste reduction and urban habitat.

Leah Clegg- Principal

Leah is a compassionate and responsive leader focused on providing an inclusive and supportive learning community that strives for excellence to empower students. As the Principal at Takari Primary School and a member of the Council, Leah draws upon her extensive experience in leading diverse communities in regional, remote and metropolitan settings equipping her to confidently promote effective relationships to deliver relevant and engaging programs focused on the social, emotional and academic needs of all students.

Leah leads with a strong moral purpose, building a culture of high expectation and achievement, in which students and staff are supported to reach their full potential. Leah continues to build partnerships that encourage the engagement, full participation and empowerment of all families whilst collaborating with schools, agencies, and networks.





Rose Fleming-Staff Representative

Rose Fleming has been a classroom teacher for over 36 years and joined the Takari Primary School staff and community in 2019. She is passionate about teaching children and especially enjoys teaching in the early years, specifically Kindergarten and Pre-Primary. She strives for excellence in pedagogical practices that make a difference to the learning and development of young children, to achieve the highest possible academic, social and emotional outcomes. Creating joy and an enthusiasm to come to school is a main priority in her teaching because with enthusiasm to participate comes willingness to learn.

Susan Reed-Staff Representative

Susan has been teaching for almost forty years in a variety of regional and metropolitan school settings, undertaking various classroom teacher and support teaching roles, both full time and part time. This is her fifteenth year here at Takari, where she has taught mainly in the Year 2/3/4 area, Year Three being her favourite year to teach. As she is a creative person, Susan especially loves teaching Art and encouraging children to use their creativity in all areas of learning. This is her sixth year on the School Council.



Justine Andrews-Staff representative

Justine has been at Takari since 2015, teaching classes from Kindergarten through to Year 2. This year, she splits her week into two roles- Deputy Principal and teaching in the Year 1 class. Justine is passionate about student wellbeing and building relationships within our Takari community. She has an enthusiastic leader and member of our school Positive Behaviour Support program called Team Takari. She brings to the School Council a strong understanding of the school community and curriculum knowledge, especially Mathematics and in the early childhood years.

Leanne Patrick-Parent Representative

Leanne has been a Parent at Takari PS for 10 years. With 3 girls, 2 now in high school and Olive in year 4. Leanne is a Sales representative within the Dental Industry so spends her days driving from clinic to clinic demonstrating to Dentists and specialists products and devices. Her work also involves country travel which is exciting to be able to get out and about. A keen sports person you will find her at run club and sporting activities cheering on the students and school. Outside of school you will no doubt see her pounding the pavement around the streets of Balcatta as she trains for a 1/2 marathon.



Wayne Evans- Parent Representative



Wayne is a passionate and devoted father to his daughter who is a student at Takari.

Wayne has lived in the area for over 20 years after having moved here with his family from South Africa as a boy. Wayne and his wife Melissa are the proud owners of Cyclemania and you can often see his van at the school doing pick ups and drop offs.

Wayne is passionate about his community and took the bold step to run as a candidate in the State elections for the seat of Balcatta, which Takari Primary is within.

Wayne hopes his interpersonal and business skills will be of value to the School Council and its students. Feel free to say hi next time you see him, he is always welcoming.